GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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VOTING RIGHTS TO OVERSEAS INDIANS
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to give voting rights to overseas Indians;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ)

(a) to (c): With a view to enabling citizens of India who are absenting from their place of ordinary residence in India owing to their employment, education, or otherwise, outside India to get their names enrolled in the electoral rolls and cast their votes when they are in their constituency at the time of polls, the Government introduced the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2006 in Rajya Sabha on the 27th February, 2006. The said Bill was referred to the Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice for examination and report. The Committee presented its 16th Report on the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2006 to Rajya Sabha and laid the same in Lok Sabha on the 4th August, 2006. The Government has not taken any decision on the recommendations of the Committee so far.